A Letter, &c.

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Gentlemen and Friends,

WE have given you ſo full, and ſo true an Account of our Intentions, in this Expedition, in our Declaration, that as we can add nothing to it, ſo we are ſure you can deſire nothing more of us. We are come to preſerve your Religion, and to reſtore and eſtabliſh your Liberties and Properties, and therefore we cannot ſuffer our ſelves to doubt, but that all true *Engliſhmen* will come and concur with us, in our deſire to ſecure theſe Nations from POPERY and SLAVERY. You muſt all plainly ſee, that you are only made uſe of as Inſtruments to enſlave the Nation, and ruine the Proteſtant Religion, and when that is done, you may judge what ye your ſelves ought to expect, both from the caſhiering of all the Proteſtant and *Engliſh* Officers and Souldiers in *Ireland*, and by the *Iriſh* Souldiers being brought over to be put in your places; and of which you have ſeen ſo freſh an inſtance, that we need not put you in mind of it. You know how many of your Fellow Officers have been uſed, for their ſtanding firm to the Proteſtant Religion, and to the Laws of *England*, and you cannot flatter your ſelves ſo far as to expect to be better uſed, if thoſe who have broke their word ſo often, ſhould by your means be brought out of thoſe ſtreights to which they are reduced at preſent. We hope likewiſe, that you will not ſuffer your ſelves to be abuſed by a falſe notion of Honour, but that you will in the firſt place conſider, what you owe to Almighty God and your Religion, to your Country, to your Selves, and to your Poſterity, which you, as Men of Honour, ought to prefer, to all private Conſiderations and Engagements whatſoever. We do therefore expect, that you will conſider the Honour that is now ſet before you, of being the Inſtruments of ſerving your Country, and ſecuring your Religion, and we will ever remember the Service you ſhall do us upon this Occaſion, and will promiſe to you, that we ſhall place ſuch particular marks of our favour on every one of you, as your Behaviour, at this time, ſhall deſerve of us, and the Nation; in which, we will make a great diſtinction, of thoſe that ſhall come ſeaſonably, to joyn their Arms with Ours, and you ſhall find us to be

Your Well wiſhing,

and Aſſured Friend,

W. H. P. O.

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